

### **Statement issued on behalf of Umgeni Water**

The Durban Heights Waterworks supplies the eThekweni region, including the Northern Areas which incorporates Sea Cow Lake. The water quality at Durban Heights is tested daily by Umgeni Water's Laboratory Services for microbiology, chlorine, turbidity and PH levels, as a requirement for compliance with SANS 241 for potable water. The most recent test was done this morning (18<sup>th</sup> November 2011) and the quality of potable water leaving Durban Heights was found to comply with SANS 241 for drinking water. This means that water leaving Durban Heights is fit for human consumption. As is a practice, Umgeni Water monitors water quality at Durban Heights hourly and will continue to do so, and will also continue to test the quality of water there daily. The ecoli-related incident that occurred in the Sea Cow Lake area was an isolated one within the eThekweni municipality's reticulation system and is being addressed with urgency by the municipality.